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No. 314.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

PIANOS

A GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH & LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

CAPITAL.....£6,000,000 STERLING.
INVESTED FUNDS.....£3,000,000
ANNUAL INCOME.....£700,000

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company and are prepared to GRANT FIRE INSURANCES at CURRENT RATES.

HESSE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [40]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL.....\$633,333-33
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,558-27

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., Chairman.
LEE YAT LAY, Esq.,
LO YEE MOON, Esq.,
CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000-00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000-00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553-95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553-95

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PUCKROSE, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq.,
W. MEYER, Esq.,
G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting Business, are annually distributed among all Contributions of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER, AUCTIONEER, AND COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 11, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1882. [5]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 29th January, 1883, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,

THE HOUSE No. 127, Praya Central and HOUSE No. 62, Wing Lok Street, measuring North and South 14 feet, East and West 100 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$24.68. Held for 999 years from the 18th May, 1867.

For Particulars, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1883. [97]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

1 Silk-lined RACING SADDLE.

RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be Sold at BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [12]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN CANVAS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS, PICKS.

AXES.

HATCHETS.

ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.

PATENT BIT-BRACES.

AUGER-BITS.

DRILL S.

GIMBLETS.

SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. PORT'S PATENT SADIrons.

COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE.

DRILLING MACHINES.

BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED.

ANVILS.

VICES.

HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

GLASS CUTTERS.

SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES.

BLACKSMITHS' BELLROWS.

&c., &c., &c.

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES.

SCREW WRENCHES.

PLANE IRONS.

CHISELS.

HAMMERS.

PINCERS.

NIPPERS.

DIVIDERS.

RULES.

METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS.

TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL-FEEDERS.

OIL-CANS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES.

WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS.

DISTRESS SIGNALS.

HOLMES' PATENT SIGNAL LIGHTS.

FOGHORNS.

SIGNAL LAMPS.

LIFE BUOYS.

BOTTLE WASHING AND CORKING MACHINES.

&c., &c., &c.

SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFBERGER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER.

MARIENTHALER BEER.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN CHAMPAGNE.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS.

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [14]

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES—

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Fire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of a Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Oleographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia Leather with small Ivory Memo Slate. Fancy Embossed Initial Note Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Inks. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Mokes and Dominoes. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries', Gosnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Flor del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaiser-i-Hind Cigarettes, Duchess Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1883.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

EX. REGENT ARRIVALS.

TINSELLED GRENADINES. LADIES' CHEAP COSTUMES. BROCADED SILKS. NOIRE SILKS. COLOURED SATINS. PLUSH VELVETS. COLOURED FLANNELS. WHITE FLANNELS. DIAPERS AND IRISH LINENS. TORCHON LACES.

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF WHITE AND CREAM LACES. INFANTS' EMBROIDERED CLOAKS. INFANTS' SILK AND SATIN HATS. CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE. LADIES' WHITE SATIN SHOES. COLOURED MALTESE BRAIDS. &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1883. [659]

W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [703]

To be Let.

TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET. No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to D. NOWROJEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES ON HIGH STREET.

Apply to DE SOUZA & Co.,

ON THE PREMISES.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [35]

TO BE LET.

HOUSE No. 11, GAGE STREET.

Apply to J. A. DE CARVALHO.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [78]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S SODA WATER FACTORY is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

1-S GUY-A-BE-NAT-E-E-D.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured.

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory,

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL, AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessities of a well appointed Hotel.

It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORABEY and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed to THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [34]

INTERNATIONAL NOVELTY COMPANY.

KOOLANGSOO, AMOY (CHINA)

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NOVELTIES.

EMILE PFANKUCHEN, Manager.

Amoy, 22nd August, 1882. [527]

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 15, D'AGUIAR STREET.

It is always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES.

COMMENCING ON SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1883.

In deference to the wishes of a large body of Subscribers and the public generally the Directors beg to announce that the following Operas have been substituted for those previously advertised:

"FAUST" BY GOUNOD.

"RUY BLAS" BY MARCHETTI.

"IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA" BY ROSSINI.

"TONE" BY PETRELLA.

"SAFFO" BY PACINI.

"CONTESSA D'AMALFI" BY PETRELLA.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES FOR 6 NIGHTS.

Dress Circle.....for 3 Seats.....\$35.00.

Dress Circle.....1 Seat.....\$15.00.

Stalls.....3 Seats.....\$25.00.

Stalls.....1 Seat.....\$10.00.

The Plan of the Theatre is now on view at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats may be secured.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [90]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day Resumed my Duties as SECRETARY to the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [42]

NOTICE.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's Station here.

C. A. SCHULTZ, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [88]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL, and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel—1st trust to meet the same Patronage so Liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

IN reference to the above the Undersigned having disposed of his BUSINESS, takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks for the Liberal support he has received during the time he has been in Business.

W. P. MOORE.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of shareholders in the above named Company was held in the Offices, Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. R. Bellios, the chairman of the Company presided, and there were present the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, Mr. A. McIvor, and Mr. W. Reiners (Directors) the Hon. P. Kyrie, and Messrs. J. M. Fleming, A. E. Vaucher, J. F. da Rosa, J. M. Armstrong, H. Foss, H. Hopkins, J. R. J. Chater, S. E. Ezra, H. H. Ismail, G. C. Cox, J. Inglis, T. Collaça, E. M. Polshwalla, J. M. V. de Figueiredo, J. C. da Cunha and P. A. da Costa (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your consent we will take the report as read at this meeting. Referring to the accounts, you will observe that out of \$50,347.43 carried forward when we last assembled here we have spent \$21,242.04. To the balance in hand we have added only \$13,495.96 from the earnings of the half-year, thus carrying to new account the desirable sum of \$42,601.35 to meet all dependencies. During the period under review we have not collected so large a sum as that shown in our profit and loss account for the corresponding half-year in 1881. This is due to the stoppage of the emigration of Chinese to Australia and California. The number of travellers by the combined fleet of the two companies has decreased from 265,710 to 258,033 between Canton and Hongkong, and from 52,126 to 45,775 between Macao and this colony. The alterations to the steering gear and the enlargement of the rudder of the *Honan* have made her as manageable as any steamer can be in shallow water. Her consumption of coal is just in accordance with our contract with the builders; but at a reduced speed proportionate to the reduced number of revolutions made by the engines her consumption of fuel is not very small. However, all efforts are being made to remedy this defect in her combustion chamber. New boilers to cost \$27,000 have been ordered for the *Kiuhing*, and a similar expenditure of \$12,000 will be required for the *Yotsai*. Provision for these will be necessary within the next twelve months. After this expenditure has been defrayed your fleet will be thoroughly efficient for many years to come. Unless there is any matter you would like to ascertain, I propose that the report and accounts be adopted.

There being no questions asked Mr. Hopkins formally seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—The next and only other business, gentlemen, is the re-election of the retiring auditors.

Mr. Reiners—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. L. Hauschild and T. Arnold as auditors. Mr. T. Chater seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—The dividend will be payable from and after Monday, next. This is all the business, gentlemen, and we have to thank you for your attendance.

Mr. J. F. da Rosa proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, and Secretary, which was carried by acclamation.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Now that the programmes have been issued and the race lotteries commenced, training matters are becoming intensely interesting. As we are within a little more than three weeks from the opening day, trainers will have to put in a lot of strong galloping work between now and then in order to bring the various candidates to the post in racing condition. What is professionally known as condition is merely a relative term, in as much as the amount of work required to bring a race horse or pony fit to the post, can be gauged by no fixed standard, and is altogether dependent on the temperament and constitution of the animal. Some horses run best when drawn very fine, others again require to be big and above themselves before being able to show their best form. It is in this respect exactly the same with China ponies as it is with thoroughbred horses, making allowance, of course, for the physical differences in these two examples of the equine species. Different trainers have different methods, and various systems of training, the object in each case being the same, namely, to bring the animal to the post fit to run. According to that renowned master of the trainer's art, Mr. Robert Top (facetiously known amongst his intimates as "Old Turnip") fit for the post means as much pluck as can be raised through high feeding; as much muscle as can be got through exercise, good and strong work; as little fat as can be left without making the animal stale on his legs, or what is equally as bad, stale in his heart; and in short, it means that the racer must be as light, fresh, and strong in wind and limb, as mortal means can make him. The most lengthy and most discursive treatise on condition in race horses ever written could not more thoroughly explain what "fit for the post" means than the above few sage and practical observations, which represent the life long experience of the head of that well known family the Tops.

The trainer who brings his charges to the starting post on the 21st of next month in the condition indicated by Mr. Robert Top's practical views as to what "fit to run" actually means, will have no reasons to reproach himself if his ponies fail to make their mark. He may safely rest assured that they are out-classed and fairly beaten on their merits. But I venture to think that, very few ponies indeed will face the starter in—let us say the Hongkong Derby, in perfect condition. There are some trainers who know nothing whatever of that noble animal, which has been rightly named man's best friend, beyond what may be acquired by the very superficial and imperfect study afforded by an occasional visit to the stable, and a reference to some proxy authority, and such men merely regard racers as so many machines, and treat them accordingly. However, as the horse is not like a watch or a steam engine, that can be wound up and started at full pressure at any and all times; but one of the most delicate and complicated of living things, trainers who prepare their racers by fixed rule—and there are many such—can scarcely be expected to attain the same measure of success in a most difficult art as those who have made the subject an almost life-long study, and who are intimately acquainted with the animal's anatomy as well as his habits, disposition and history. It is merely a question of science against vulgar

tradition, an intelligent appreciation (inspired by a thorough acquaintance with the animal's habits and physical attributes) of a certain aim to be obtained by intelligent means against a methodical system based on sheer ignorance.

Almost without knowing it I have been led into making these desultory remarks, which it is hardly necessary to say are not intended to have any personal application. And yet in good truth there are at present several ponies in training—I will not say how many—which have been completely ruined by this training by a system which appears to be as unchangeable as the boasted laws of the Medes and Persians. The constitution and temperament of a pony appear to be of no consequence whatever to certain so-called trainers. Whether the animal be well or ill, sick or sorry, he has a certain amount of trotting or cantering to get through, and so long as he keeps sound on his legs and does not absolutely refuse his oats, the knowing trainer flatters himself that he is going the right way to bring him fit to the post. Now, it is a fact universally recognised that the most scientific, the most experienced, and the most careful trainers in the world sometimes make mistakes; and frequently fail in training certain animals. But very rarely indeed is this the fault of the trainer; it is, as a rule, the inferior quality of the article he has to work upon. Be that as it may, it is an undoubted fact that ignorance of even the rudimentary principles of training, which, as I have already said, is a conspicuous feature in many instances in our local racing world, has ruined scores of valuable animals, that in better hands would have won many races.

Perhaps the sage precepts of my worthy friend "Old Turnip" (I can assure my readers that the person I allude to by this most disrespectful style of address is not my ancient crony Lord Charles of the Shanghai *Mercury*) may give one or two of our self-opinionated masters of the art of training race-horses, what is vulgarly called—"a wrinkle." Mr. Top observes—"Now, those jolly muffs, the Thickeds, who never learn anything they ought to know, and never forget anything they ought to have learnt, in putting a string of asses through the sieve, often treat 'em all alike. They don't find out, in the first place, what one ass can bear, and what another can't. Sweat and work, and sweat, is the rule of the Thickeds; and, when they've trained an ass almost to death, he's stripped to run with about as much pluck in him as a half-drowned cat. Then again," said Robert Top, drawing a hand from the depth of one of his pockets, and extending it in a manner as if addressing the Speaker of the House of Commons, or the head of an equally august assembly—"then again," repeated he, "look at the training of the Thickeds with regard to the legs. They, the precious duffers, can't see when it's time to draw it mild in respect to the legs, but go on with their pipe-openers and rattling gallops just long enough to make 'em shin-sore, and often break 'em down at the very moment they're wanted to pull through a race. That's what the Thickeds do!" concluded Robert Top, with as decided a sneer as ever curled the lip of a lineal descendant of Adam with contempt.

Notwithstanding the threatening character of the weather, and the counter attractions of such an unusual spectacle as a ship on fire (the steamship *Carisbrook* was in full blaze opposite the Sailors' Home at West Point) the racing enthusiasts turned out in large numbers this morning. A few drops of rain fell but the high wind that was blowing gradually dispelled the rain clouds, allowing training operations to be proceeded with without hindrance. There had evidently been a few showers in the Happy Valley during the night, and as a result the racetrack, which was thrown open for galloping, was in capital order, and favorable for fast times.

The popular colors of Mr. Henry were the first seen on the track, the condition blankets of Incubus and Rialto showing a very tasteful bordering of the well known "mauve and straw." The two ponies named galloped a mile at a steady pace the clocks registering as the various "quarter" posts were passed 35, 73, 151, and 235 respectively. Shamrock trotted several miles, and then Dauntless was twice spun out for a quarter of a mile, moving in good form and pulling up sound. Lord of the Isles after galloping a quarter, overpowered his jockey, and eventually was pulled up dead lame. Silver-streak was ridden hard for six furlongs, and finished in greatly improved form. The spotted one's chum, Buggins, also went in far better form than he has done for a long time past. Mr. Hutchings rode Peanut a steady canter, the handsome bay subscription pony appearing to go very gingerly when called upon at the finish. Wild Fang, ridden by Achee, cantered half a mile, covering the last quarter at an easy pace in 34 seconds. Red Robin, after a long spell of trotting, strode along at about half speed, but hardly in his best form. Zagzag and Malcriado galloped in company, the chequer pulling over his stable companion the whole journey. Chillum Callum and Scotch Reel "powed" the length of the straight at full speed; the roan showing the better speed.

The "Horse" had a difficult task to keep Tajmahal from running away. The old pony was as fresh as a yearling, and swept over the ground with that long, easy stride which has borne him to the front in many a well-contested race. Salinasar, in the hands of Mr. Hutchings, galloped at a steady pace, his last three quarters occupying 1:55. Driving Cloud had a lot of exercise, galloping at half speed over a mile and a half after a long spell of trotting. This hardy old racer looks in good order, and will no doubt, should he remain on his legs, add two or three more triumphs to those already scored over his favorite battle ground, Mr. St. Vincent's Derby.

The Derby distance in 1:35. I timed the six furlongs race, and the last quarter 32 seconds. Blunder was sent for a mile and three quarters at about half speed. Mr. Hutchings riding

I was particularly struck with Wild Wolf. This speedy looking griffin went in fine form, his half mile occupying 63 seconds, last quarter 31 1-2th, and will no doubt be installed a prominent favorite for the Derby.

Dutch Oven and Kassassin, the former ridden by the Foochow "crack," galloped once round, starting from and finishing at the Wong-nei-chong starting post. The big pony had much the best of the spin; time—half mile 69 seconds, once round 2:7. In a mile "pow" between Lavender and Rebel, the former ridden by Mr. Nickels won a desperate race by about a length—time for the last three quarters 36 3-4th, 74 1-2th, and 1:48. Little Warlock easily disposed of Bothwell in a quarter of a mile pow, winning by six lengths in a shade under 28 seconds. The chequer afterwards went a mile and a half at a nice pace; the subscription pony going three quarters—last half mile in 73 seconds. Strathaird and Strathpeffer were indulged with easy work. That improving pony Castigator strode along in racing-like style, as did Shell and Bandman, Merry Monk and Dalesman, and Tallyman and Guardsman in pairs. Shell's mile was covered at a canter in 2:27—last six furlongs 1:47. Airlie, The Dromedary, Satanella, Gil Blas and Triumph all did healthy work, the last named going in such grand form, that it is quite on the cards "the Marquis's" predictions as to the iron grey's easy Derby victory may yet be realised. Second Violin after galloping the length of the straight, was sent half a mile at about three parts speed, Cutty Sark in the same stable going a mile and a quarter. Allegro galloped nearly a mile and a half at a slow pace, and not in his usual taking style. Mendip was ridden by Mr. Allan over the mile course, and considering his utter lack of condition made a very creditable display. The morning's work was concluded by Gang Forward, Darnley and Robbie Burns "powing" a quarter full speed, the first named winning easily by three lengths in a shade over 30 seconds.

A rumour has been going the rounds that two well known riding mafiosos who had charge of a certain team of racers were bribed by some outsider to privately try several of the ponies, and that the trial actually came off. I am not aware whether this matter has been officially brought before the Stewards or not; but as it has been made a matter of general conversation at the coffee table, an investigation is perhaps desirable. For obvious reasons I refrain from going into details; but in justice to the other mafiosos in the various racing stables in the colony, it is only fair to state that the two enterprising young men, who are said to have managed the trial, are Messrs. Tientsin and Foochow. If rumour is false it is but right that the boys should be relieved from the obloquy attaching to what, under all circumstances, is a most serious charge.

A couple of days ago I regretted to have to chronicle the wholesale misfortunes which had befallen the valuable string of racers belonging to Messrs. Kerfoot and Mount. Such a terrible slaughter of the innocents has never previously been known in the history of our local turf. Misfortunes rarely come singly, and it has been so in this deplorable business. But the Kerfoot-Mount confederacy are not to monopolise the whole bad luck of the racing season. Another stable has lost its one ewe-lamb; another reputed "crack" has joined that band of cripples, of which First Comet, Wild Dash, Filbert and Discount are such distinguished members. Mr. F. S. Gordon has been singularly unfortunate with his griffins. That handsome dun pony Scottish Chief, known in Shanghai as "Young Tajmahal," landed himself, beyond all hope of recovery in his box on his way down from the north, and now the shapely Highland Fling has met with such a severe accident that it will be a marvel if he is ever able to face the starter. Whether this favorite of the Derby came to grief in his stall, or lamed himself outside the stable is not accurately known; but it is positively certain that on Tuesday evening Highland Fling was as sound a pony as ever wore a saddle, whilst at 5:30 on Wednesday morning he was quite unable to walk and has not since been able to get out of his box. As this pony's appearance and form must have given him a good chance for the Derby, his loss to Mr. Gordon is a very serious one, especially as the second hope of the stable, Scottish Chief, is also completely horsed combat. The owner of Highland Fling, with Mr. Kerfoot, has good grounds for growling at the cruel vicissitudes of fortune.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1883.

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